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Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 254 and 255 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.322 and 1.323, this is a request for the issuance of a Certificate of Correction in the above-identified patent. Two (2) copies of PTO Form 1050 are appended. The complete Certificate of Correction involves one (1) page.

The mistakes identified in the appended Form to issued claims 9, 37, and 50 are of a clerical or typographical nature, or of minor character, and resulted from an error made in good faith by Applicant.

The remaining mistakes identified in the appended Form occurred through the fault of the Patent Office, as clearly disclosed by the records of the application which matured into this patent, and as evidenced in the attached copies of the following documents:

1. Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement dated June 9, 2005, showing the correct patent number and inventor name of the U.S. patent document cited;

2. Page 5 of the June 9, 2005 Amendment, showing the correct language of issued claim 31; and
3. Page 8 of the June 9, 2005 Amendment, showing the correct language of issued claim 44.

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21. (original) The implant of claim 1, wherein said implant is adapted for insertion from a first lateral aspect of the vertebral bodies and said leading end is configured to conform to the anatomic contour of at least a portion of a second lateral aspect of the vertebral bodies opposite the first lateral aspect.
 22. (original) The implant of claim 1, wherein said trailing end is generally symmetrical relative to the mid-longitudinal axis.
 23. (original) The implant of claim 1, wherein less than half of said leading end is along a line perpendicular to the mid-longitudinal axis of said implant in a plane dividing said implant into an upper half and a lower half.
 24. (original) The implant of claim 1, wherein said bone is selected from the group including cortical fibers, bone filaments, and bone particles.
 25. (original) The implant of claim 1, in combination with a fusion promoting material other than bone.
 26. (original) The implant of claim 1, wherein said implant comprises a bone ingrowth material other than bone.
 27. (original) The implant of claim 1, further comprising a material, other than the bone from which said implant is formed, that intrinsically participates in the growth of bone from one of the adjacent vertebral bodies to the other of the adjacent vertebral bodies.
 28. (original) The implant of claim 1, in combination with an osteogenic material other than bone.
 29. (original) The implant of claim 28, wherein said osteogenic material is at least one of bone morphogenetic protein and genes coding for the production of bone.
 30. (original) The implant of claim 1, in combination with a driver instrument for installing said implant into the spine.
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- conform to the anatomic contour of at least a portion of the posterior aspect of the vertebral bodies.
42. (new) The implant of claim 31, wherein said implant is adapted for insertion from a first lateral aspect of the vertebral bodies and said leading end is configured to conform to the anatomic contour of at least a portion of a second lateral aspect of the vertebral bodies opposite the first lateral aspect.
43. (new) The implant of claim 31, wherein said trailing end is generally symmetrical relative to the mid-longitudinal axis.

44. (new) An interbody spinal implant for insertion at least in part across the surgically corrected height of a disc space between adjacent vertebral bodies of a human spine, the vertebral bodies each having an anterior aspect, a posterior aspect, and an endplate having an apophyseal rim proximate the perimeter of the endplate, said implant comprising:

a leading end for insertion first into the disc space, a trailing end opposite said leading end, and therebetween a length along a mid-longitudinal axis of said implant, said leading end being asymmetrical, at least one of said ends having a curved portion that is configured to conform to the anatomic contour of at least a portion of one of the anterior and posterior aspects of the vertebral bodies;

opposed portions between said leading and trailing ends adapted to be placed within the disc space to contact and support the adjacent vertebral bodies, said opposed portions being non-arcuate along at least a portion of the length of said implant, each of said opposed portions having at least one opening therein to permit for the growth of bone from adjacent vertebral body to adjacent vertebral body through said implant, said implant being formed of bone;

an interior facing side wall, an exterior facing side wall opposite said interior side wall, and a width therebetween, said width of said implant being less than approximately one-half of the maximum width of the adjacent vertebral bodies into which said implant is adapted to be inserted, said interior and exterior side walls being between said opposed portions and said leading and trailing